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In re Patent Application of:
Gary W. Beall

Application No.: 09/867,813

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: ALLERGEN ABSORBENT, BLOCKING, AND
DEACTIVATING COMPOSITIONS AND
METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Pryor, Alton Nathan

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

AMEND claims 1 and 25 as follows:

1. An allergen sorbent composition comprising a smectite clay having a cation exchange capacity of at least 75 meq./100 grams of clay, intercalated with an organic surface modifier intercalant molecule that contains at least one moiety selected from the group consisting of aldehyde, ketone, carboxylic acid, alcohol, phenol, ether, catechol, lactam, lactone and pyrrolidone, said intercalant ion-dipole on an inner platelet surface of the clay; said surface-modified clay dispersed in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Amendment and Response To Election Requirement (4 pages).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29785/10000. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29785/10000 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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